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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: VISIT OF PRESIDENT BONGO TO U.S.

1. FOLLOWING LONG MEETING WITH PRESIDENT BONGO THIS AFTERNOON JULY 23, BROAD LINES AND IMPORTANT DETAILS OF TRIP NOW AGREED TO AND FOLLOW ESSENTIALLY ALL POINTS SUBMITTED BY DEPARTMENT.

2. TWO NEW ELEMENTS HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO ME AS COMING FROM GABONESE AMBASSADOR WASHINGTON BY TELEGRAM TODAY. I ASSUME THEY ARE CORRECT AND SUPERSEDE PREVIOUS INFO FURNISHED BY DEPT (PLEASE CONFIRM): (A) BONGO AND OFFICIAL SUITE WILL RPT WILL BE LODGED BLAIR HOUSE AND (B) VICE PRESIDENT MAY RPT MAY HOST LUNCHEON AUGUST 2 AT DEPT (PRESIDENT BONGO VERY PLEASED AT THESE POSSIBILITIES. OTHER NEW ADDITION: BONGO WOULD LIKE TO LAY WREATH AT ARLINGTON.

3. PARTY WILL INCLUDE 55 PERSONS OF WHICH PRESIDENT WOULD LIKE TO CONSIDER 14 TO BE OFFICIAL SUITE (INCLUDING HIMSELF AND WIFE). BONGO WILLING TO REDUCE THIS NUMBER TO 12 AT BLAIR HOUSE IF NECESSARY AND TO EIGHT FOR TRAVEL IN GULF PLANE. THERE WILL BE  
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FIVE WIVES: THOSE OF BONGO, GONDJOUT (PRESIDENT

SUPREME COURT), RAWIRI (FONMIN), MOUKAMBI (MIN OF FINANCE), AD ESSIMENGANE (MIN OF EDUCATION). COMPLETE LIST FOLLOWS BY SEPTTEL.

4. FOLLOWING IS AGREED TO PROGRAM HERE:

AUG 1: ARRIVAL WASHINGTON LATE AFTERNOON BY CHARTER PANAM PLANE (WOULD ARRIVAL ANDREWS BE POSSIBLE? IF NOT CAN BONGO AND WIFE BE FLOWN BY HELICOPTER FROM DULLES TO CITY? ASSUME PANAM PLANE CANNOT LAND NATIONAL. PLEASE ADVISE.) EVENING FREE.

AUG 2: CALL ON PRESIDENT NIXON 10 A.M. (GABONESE WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE AGREED UPON COMMUNIQUE WHICH COULD BE RELEASED AT END TRIP). LUNCH AT DEPARTMENT. AFTERNOON: MEETINGS WITH OFFICIALS OF STATE, AID, EXIM. (NO MEETINGS NOW PLANNED WITH IBRD OR IMF.) COCKTAIL RECEPTION GIVEN AT LARGE HOTEL BY BONGO.

AUG 3: LAYING OF WREATH AT 9 A.M.

FURTHER MEETINGS WITH U.S. OFFICIALS IN MORNING. LUNCHEON HOSTED BY REPRESENTATIVES DIGGS AND/OR VANDER JAGT.

DEPARTURE FOR PITTSBURGH AFTER LUNCH.

HONORARY DEGREE CEREMONY IN PITTSBURGH AROUND 1730 BY DUQUESNE.

RECEPTION AND DINNER HOSTED BY US STEEL/GULF.

NIGHT SPENT IN PITTSBURGH WITH HOSTS.

AUG 4: 9 A.M. DEPARTURE FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

MEETING WITH BANK OF AMERICA (SHAREHOLDERS IN BICI OF GABON) AND SIGHTSEEING. PARTY AVAILABLE FOR ANY SOCIAL FUNCTION.  
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AUG 5: 9 A.M. DEPART SANFRANCISCO FOR LOS ANGELES.

BONGO AND PARTY WISH TO SEE DISNEYLAND. AVAILABLE TO MEET MAYOR AN FREE FOR ANY SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT WHICH MIGHT BE OFFERED.

AUG 6: 6:30 DEPART LOS ANGELES FOR NEW YORK.

AFTERNOON FROM 4 P.M. AVAILABLE FOR MEETINGS WITH BUSINESSMEN.

EVENING: DINNER HOSTED BY BONGO AT GABONESE PERMREP  
RESIDENCE FOR GABONESE COLONY.

AUG 7: MORNING AND EARLY AFTERNOON AVAILABLE FOR  
FURTHER BUSINESS MEETINGS.

LUNCH ORGANIZED BY TEMPLESMAN.

COCKTAIL RECEPTION HOSTED BY BONGO AT UN FOR VARIOUS HEADS OF  
DELEGATIONS AND BUSINESSMEN.

DEPARTURE FROM NEW YORK 8 P.M. DIRECTLY FOR LIBREVILLE.

5. BONGO WOULD PREFER USE CHARTER PANAM PLANE ONLY  
FOR TRIPS LIBREVILLE-NEW YORK AUG 1 AND  
NEW YORK-LIBREVILLE AUG 7. WOULD CONSIDER USE  
CHARTER PANAM PLANE FOR TRIPS TO WEST COAST AND  
BACK IF NECESSARY. ALTERNATIVELY HE COULD FLY TO  
WEST COAST AND BACK IN COMPANY EXECUTIVE JET IF  
ONE AVAILABLE (8 PERSONS) AND HAVE REMAINDER OF  
SUITE FLY COMMERCIAL OR GO DIRECTLY FROM PITTSBURGH TO NEW YORK.  
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